

## PIKE COUNTY NEWS

Men die, but sorrow never dies;  
The crowding years divide in vain,  
And the wide world is knit with ties  
Of common brotherhood in pain.  
—Susan Coolidge.

COUNCIL CONSIDERS  
BETTER FIRE PROTECTION.

The City Council met in special session last Thursday evening to hear suggestions for a plan for better fire protection as set forth by Edward M. Hite, of Maysville, former Assistant State Fire Marshal, who addressed the meeting, and his plans will be taken up again for consideration at the regular meeting next Monday.

Mr. Hite is a practical authority on the subject having devoted his entire life to the study of fire conditions and prevention and his plan was localized so as to meet the conditions of the situation here in a practical way. He advises the purchase of an automobile carrying the proper equipment as the safest and quickest means of reaching the extinguishing of a fire. He also suggested the purchase of new hose nozzles having a cut-off attachment as a means of avoiding useless damage by water in taking an operating hose through a house. This is undoubtedly a sound and meritorious suggestion, as it will actually eliminate the greater part—the useless part—of water damage, and besides, it will save an immense amount of water. He advocated the installation of pressure reducers at points where there is danger of bursting while the pumping is direct.

Mr. Hite's plan appears to be altogether a practical one, and its only motive is his wish to reduce the state's fire losses as much as possible. It is to be hoped that the city will adopt as much of his ideas as it well can, since they are the results of years of study and practical training.

LOOKING FOR BIG  
RAILWAY DEVELOPMENTS.

The present year is expected to bring enormous railway development to the entire Sandy Valley. The indications to support the belief appear to be unlimited. This section of the state is at last coming into its own, and railroads are beginning to recognize the immense value of a right-of-way through this rich valley. Four big railway companies are at this moment deeply interested in the traffic of this valley, and two are joining forces against two in their hopes of absorbing the larger share of the business. On the one hand will be the C. & O. and C. C. & O., whose lines now in operation connect at Elkhorn City, thus furnishing a direct route from Cincinnati to Charleston, S. C., and on the other hand will be the B. & O. and Virginian, whose proposed lines will touch a vast amount of mineral properties in the Upper Sandy yet undeveloped. All doubt that the B. & O. intends to build its line from near Kenova to the mouth of Shelby creek have now disappeared, leaving only the strongest confirmation. At Shelby it will connect with its 20-mile line now in operation up the creek to the properties of the Consolidation Coal Co. in Letcher-co. The Virginian is now interested in putting a line into the Kentucky fields from near Bluefield, W. Va., through Buchanan-co., Va., to connect with the B. & O. at Shelby. The plans for this extension have been drawn, and with such an alignment between the two big systems, a sharp competition would arise that would be an immense benefit to the Sandy Valley.

PIKEVILLE ATHLETES WERE  
REALLY VICTORIOUS.

The Pikeville basketball team went to Jenkins to engage the team of that city last Friday. While the scores ran up into 30 on each side, tying on 17 in the first half and the Jenkins boys taking the victory finally by a slight margin, at least a part of the honors belong to the Pikeville team. This is better understood when it is known that three men on the Jenkins team who had given out were relieved by fresh men in the latter half, but the Pike men had no chance to resort to similar tactics. It is also said that the Pikeville boys held the winning hand in the latter half, and that they would have won the game if it could have lasted a matter of two minutes longer, because their work was telling and they were rapidly gaining on their opponents.

The Jenkins men have never been beaten; but with the advantage of three fresh men and daily practice, they narrowly escaped a defeat last Friday.

## MR. PITTS HERE.

J. L. Pitts of Scottsville, Va., one of the most widely known railway construction contractors in the South, was here for several days last week, presumably looking over the new prospects for operation in the Sandy Valley. Mr. Pitts did a large part of the construction work when the Big Sandy division of the C. & O. was built and it is very likely that he will be interested again when railway activities open up in this valley. He was formerly located at Pikeville.

## RECEPTION TO STUDENTS.

A reception was given at the Derriana last Friday evening to the normal students of Pikeville College by Dr. J. F. Record, president of the College. The reception was a social event especially for the new students to give all a chance to become acquainted. Many students were present besides the occupants of both dormitories, the Derriana and Hendrick Hall. Refreshments were served.

WOMAN HELD ON  
BOOTLEGGING CHARGE.

Following the testimony given by Preston Tackitt and Tapley Tackitt, two young men of Mud creek in Floyd county, Mrs. Sarah Compton was last Saturday bound over to the U.S. Court at Catlettsburg to answer a charge of bootlegging. She is seventeen years old.

Before this developed Mrs. Compton, who is a daughter of Denny Vanover, a former lunch-stand keeper of this city, fled charges in the Police Court

against these young men that they had illegally dispensed liquor in her father's restaurant while she was acting as waitress. Of these charges the young men were acquitted, and from their testimony a chain of evidence was built up sufficient to warrant the U. S. Commissioner here in binding Mrs. Compton under bond to answer similar charges before the Federal court.

FISCAL COURT GOING  
TO WILLIAMSON.

County Judge H. H. Stallard and the Fiscal Court of Pike-co., will leave today for Williamson, W. Va., to meet in joint session with the fiscal authorities of Mingo-co. in regard to letting a contract for a new bridge across the Tug river to connect Pike-co., Ky., with West Virginia, and the contract for the bridge is to be let tomorrow to a satisfactory bidder.

This is to say one of the greatest needs of the people of the eastern side of this county is to be fully taken care of, and that commerce between the two neighboring states will thereby be encouraged. This will be a free highway bridge.

## NEGRO BADLY CUT.

John Honaker, colored, received dangerous knife wounds in the back of the neck in a fight across the river from town last Saturday night, and "Grissle-Bill" were two swollen eyes for several days. It is said the boys were a little tipsy, but it is not known what they came to blows over. Honaker lost a great amount of blood and a number of stitches were required to close his wounds.

## VISITING IN HUNTINGTON.

Mrs. Ed Burke and daughter, Miss Ruth, of this city have been the guests of relatives in Huntington for several days of this and last week.

## MISS KOEPPER MARRIED.

Miss Hazel Koepfer, the 19-year old daughter of Phil Koepfer, was united in marriage last Saturday to Mr. Luther Kimberlain, 22, a farmer of near this city. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's father across the river. The young couple have many friends here who wish them a long and happy life.

FIRE DESTROYED JAMES  
HATCHER'S LUMBER.

Nearly one million feet of lumber belonging to James Hatcher was destroyed at his mill at Ivel, Floyd-co., last Saturday and Sunday. The fire started Friday night and burned all day Saturday and part of Sunday. The flames raged unabated as there was no fire fighting apparatus at hand, and it was feared that the mill and neighboring houses would be included in the general destruction, but they were unharmed.

The cause for the fire is not known, but it is thought to have been the work of an incendiary. The destroyed lumber was of various kinds and the loss, which is partly covered by insurance, runs far into thousands.

## STEVEY HAS A SON.

Attorney E. D. Stephenson arrived here from Greenup last Sunday evening, where he and Mrs. Stephenson had been the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett. Stevey said a pretty baby boy weighing 10-12 pounds came to make his home with them on Wednesday of last week, and that baby and mother are doing fine and will soon return to Pikeville. Stevey is wearing that ear-to-ear smile—and you don't have to ask somebody if he is proud, just look at him for yourself. The youngster was christened James Bennett in honor of both of his grandfathers.

## OFFICIALS ANSWER CHARGES.

Charges of misappropriation of county funds have been filed in court here against three officials at Pikeville. Two of the petitions carrying the charges have not been sworn to; taking it for granted that at least a moral responsibility rests upon them, two of these officials, namely, Judge H. H. Stallard and E. J. Picklesimer, have administered a rebuke to the so-called popular seekers through the local press. Mr. Picklesimer's article appears this week, and he speaks in strong terms of the "vicious and unwarranted" attacks made upon him.

Mr. Picklesimer has acted, and is now acting, as County Attorney for Pike county. He occupies a position of high esteem in the opinion of the people.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Unusually high temperatures for this season of the year have prevailed over the upper Sandy for ten days past. The highest point reached was about 80 degrees.

More than three hundred pupils are now attending the city graded and county high-school at Pikeville.

The new train schedule will benefit the people of this section and has already proved to be satisfactory. Only one more change could be suggested and that would be an earlier time for the arrival of No. 33, the night train from Ashland.

Miss Pearl Samhammer has moved her Variety Store from its former location on Grace-av. to the Hoffman block on Central-av.

C. B. Sterling cigar manufacturer of Carmen, this county, was here during the latter part of last week.

Mrs. J. L. Vinson arrived last Saturday evening from a visit to sick relatives in Wayne-co., West Va. During her absence she also visited friends in Huntington.

Herman Redd and attorney E. D. Stephenson arrived Monday from a visit of several days to Louisville and Frankfort.

Martin Powers arrived here from Prestonsburg Sunday.

Judge John F. Butler and Mrs. Butler and attorney W. H. May also reached here from Prestonsburg Sunday evening.

Attorney J. E. Childers acted as special Police Judge in the trials of some criminal cases last week.

Mitchell Leslie went to Louisville Sunday accompanied by his brother Grover and sister Mrs. F. T. Hatcher, and on Monday submitted to an operation for appendicitis. He rallied promptly and is getting along nicely. Mrs. Hatcher and Grover returned home Thursday.

Prof. T. M. Riddle, who last year taught the graded school at Elkhorn City is now connected with the normal department of Pikeville College.

Many Pikeville people took advantage of the warm temperature last Sunday to enjoy the open air all day in automobile and other conveyances.

A large part of the Pike County Delegation which had been with the Legislature at Frankfort since the bill was first introduced for the division of Pike county remained at Frankfort this week to see it through.

The February term of the Pike Circuit Court will convene on the 21st day of this month, with Judge John F. Butler presiding.

Pike county was visited by a heavy snow storm Tuesday night.

Ed Brooks, C. & O. telegraph operator, has been very sick for several days, but is now well again.

Pikeville College is now taxed almost to the limit of its capacity, and one of the urgent needs of the college now is a new building of larger capacity.

Recent developments of human interest here prove that there are human brutes, and vampires, too—not one, but many—living in our beautiful city amongst the rest of our civilized people. The whipping post could yet be a benefit to this town. There be some who cannot enjoy life without uselessly injuring others. They are blind to the wisdom of the exhortation to be "wise as serpents and as harmless as doves." We need a humane society, and need it bad.

The Pikeville girls are as much interested in basketball as the boys, and they are now having their regular practice at the high school gymnasium. The young men's team is also in regular training, and the players have developed a remarkable degree of skill.

Judge A. J. Kirk of Paintsville has been at Pikeville for several days of this week. He is now enjoying a good practice in Pike-co. as well as in his home county.

Mr. and Mrs. James Raymond, who now live at Lexington, are here for a visit to Mrs. Raymond's home town.

FLOYD COUNTY'S  
RECORD FOR WEEK.News From Prestonsburg  
and the Surrounding  
Country.

Last Saturday on Middle creek, a gun battle came up over some property rights. One man by the name of Anne Miller was killed, Lewis Miller seriously wounded and Harrison and Alfred Miller were slightly wounded.

John Meadows was arrested on the charge of killing and placed in the county jail. Meadows lived in the property of the Millers. The Millers were mad because of the courts decision to let Meadows hold the land. They tried to force Meadows out and he picked up a gun as they all appeared at his home and shot at all.

Circuit Court begins Monday, Feb. 7th under the new administration of the Hon. A. T. Patrick and Jno. D. Smith, presiding judge and commonwealth attorney. Mr. Patrick has just closed a successful session of court at Salsberyville.

## Revival Meets Success.

Great success is attending the revival services now being held at the M. E. Church, under the leadership of Evangelist Byrd. Great good is being accomplished not only in the church but throughout the community and spiritual enthusiasm is running high. Several persons have professed conversion since the meeting began, and there are seekers at the altar at almost every service.

Mr. Byrd and singer Prof. Gassett and Mr. Jackson, pastor of the church have worked untiringly and are being rewarded by seeing great good come from their efforts.

Miss Edith Fitzpatrick at her delightful home very pleasantly entertained for six o'clock dinner Sunday evening, Misses Bess Lee, Gladys Bryan, Hazel Gardner and Mrs. Gatewood of Pittsboro, Va.

Miss Bess Lee brought together a few of her friends Saturday evening for an informal evening to be enjoyed with her guest Miss Gladys Bryan. Those who enjoyed the evening were Misses Ella Noel White, Merian Mayo, Ruth Davidson, Edith Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Gladys White. Messrs. Joe Burke, Bill Gwatney and Homer Saulsbury. Following this Miss Lee gave a slumber party inviting Edith Fitzpatrick, Ella Noel White, Ruth Davidson and Merian Mayo.

Thursday evening Miss Ella Noel White entertained a number of the young folks in her hospitable home. Miss White is a very pleasant hostess and the young folks always enjoy an evening with her.

Atty. A. J. May and Bascom Clarke made a business trip to Mayton Thursday.

Miss Evelyn Harris of Brandy Keg is in town this week, having dental work done.

Miss Margaret Porter of Johns creek has been the guest of friends and relatives here for several days.

Henry Stephens, the circuit court clerk recently purchased property in the upper end of town and moved his family here.

Mrs. Lizzie Maynard of Pikeville is visiting Mrs. Alice Morrell and Mrs. T. O. Burchett here.

Atty. B. M. James, W. W. Williams,

W. H. Layne and C. Ferguson will go to Ashland Friday to attend court in a case of bankruptcy against A. J. Case.

Henry Hatcher, who was temporarily located here in the practice of dentistry with his brother Lack, recently moved to Catlettsburg and will practice same there.

Mr. Tom Wilkinson, former pastor of M. E. Church here, but now of Louisville, spent the week-end here with friends.

Jno. Layne of Wayland was here over Sunday the guest of home folks.

Judge and Mrs. J. F. Butler of Pikeville, were guests of Atty. and Mrs. W. H. May last week.

H. S. Mayo of the Star Drug Co. was a business visitor in Cincinnati the latter part of the week.

Oscar Endicott spent Sunday in Louisville.

Mrs. N. M. White, Sr., and Mrs. Jo Harless are confined to their rooms with lagraipne.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Stumbo returned Monday from a few days visit in Huntington.

Earl Burchett is in Ashland this week.

LETCHER COUNTY  
AND WHITESBURG.What is Happening in this  
Rich Coal Territory  
of Kentucky.

WHITESBURG, KY., Feb. 2.—Judge John F. Butler arrived from Pikeville Monday afternoon and at once re-convened the Letcher Circuit Court and entered upon the Albert Copley case against the Lexington & Eastern Railroad company (the L. & N.). A jury was hurriedly made up from the regular jurors and the taking of evidence was begun. A night session of the court was held Monday night.

It is said the Copley case will require about three days. Copley wants \$15,000 damages for the loss of a leg when he went to board a passenger train at Neon. A number of railroad officials are here to assist in the prosecution.

The remainder of the term of the circuit court will be taken up, according to Judge Butler, in trying out the large number of damage suits against the railroad company, and the different corporations of the county, the coal companies, etc. An unusual large number of cases are on the docket set down for trial at this term.

At Rockhouse west of here in this county Mr. Linville Combs, aged 23, son of Circuit Clerk S. P. Combs was married to Miss Bertha Breeding, aged 17, the Rev. Bennett Adams of the Baptist church officiating. They will reside on Smoot creek. The wedding caused considerable surprise here.

Mr. J. E. Horner representing The Kentucky Veneer Co., Louisville, who has been in Letcher county for several days and who last week closed a deal for his company on the Lusk timber tract, one of the best in Eastern Kentucky, at Utah on the L. & N. railroad, announces the very early development of the new properties. At the present Mr. Horner is cutting a considerable amount of timber in the vicinities of Sergeant and Mayking above here. This will give employment to a goodly number of men.

Judge Ed C. O'Rear of Frankfort was a notable business visitor to Whitesburg last week, he having business with the circuit court. Judge O'Rear is the widest known Kentuckian who has come to Whitesburg in many a day. He is always welcomed by our good people.

Judge Samuel Wilson of Lexington known as the "Original Woodrow Wilson man in Kentucky" is here on business with the circuit court.

Judge Wilson is the State's leading attorney for the Louisville & Nashville railroad company and has headquarters in Lexington. He is popular all over the State and one of the South's leading lawyers.

A negro named Holmes was arrested in Jenkins charged with killing another negro Saturday night, and was taken to Jailor Hall's bastille back of the courthouse. He will be held pending an examination.

The Letcher Building & Supply Co. has just started the construction of a large supply house on their property recently purchased in Lewis addition. The work will be rushed rapidly forward. This hustling company is going a rushing business, having lately received a number of building contracts at Neon in the coal fields.

It is understood here that The Coeburn Lumber Co. will shortly begin the development of the Brown timber tract lately purchased at Mouth of Cowan creek three miles below here. A good sized new mill is to be installed upon the tract. The railroad company will put in a siding at that point.

Owing to the heavy traffic on the L. & N. branch of the L. & N. passenger trains are experiencing much difficulty in operating, and are most all the time running late. A number of new trains have been added in order to handle the big output from the coal fields, and business is actually booming. It is said the Hemphill mines reported as reopening will not be resumed for the present. The Elk Horn Coal Corporation are now rapidly rushing the building of fifty additional miners houses in Haymond on Potters Fork. A large number of men are employed in the work.

Mr. C. S. Landrum of Louisville is here for a few days on business.

Mr. M. A. Dunlap came over from Jenkins and is interested in circuit court work.

W. K. Baird an extensive lumberman of Mt. Sterling was a business visitor

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in Whitesburg this week.

Attorney W. H. May of Prestonsburg who recently accepted a position with The Consolidation Coal Co. at Jenkins was here Monday.

A number of traveling men have been here this week talking trade.

John A. Webb returned from Frankfort, Lexington and other points out in the State.

Mrs. C. H. Back returned from Portland, Tenn., where she visited for some time.

Mrs. George Wright will visit at St. Paul and Coeburn, Va., next week.

Mr. J. L. McCormick of Big Stone Gap, Va., representing The Mineral Development Co., has been here and in the country.

Mr. B. F. Holbrook of Clinton, Tenn., has been a guest of friends here for several days.

Mrs. J. P. Lewis, after being a guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Lewis, returned to her new home in Frankfort this week. She is the wife of Secretary of State James P. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tackett were guests of friends in Blackey Saturday. Postoffice Inspector V. R. Beck was a Whitesburg business visitor Friday and Saturday.

W. H. Hill traveling representative of the Louisville Post was here this week. He appointed little Willie Webb as agent for The Post.

At the instance of Postoffice Inspector V. R. Beck of Frankfort, U. S. Marshal John M. Riddle of this city went to McRoberts where he arrested Pete Gubich, Friday evening charged with an attempt to defraud the Government.

Some time ago Gubich received twenty-five dollars in a registered letter from a point in Pennsylvania. He stated to the party who remitted the money that he did not receive it. The money was then duplicated. Later Gubich made claim upon the Government for indemnity. An investigation followed, resulting in his arrest. He was bound over to the U. S. District Court at Jackson in next month.

Many witnesses from this section have been in attendance upon the U. S. Court for the southwestern districts which is now in session at Big Stone Gap, as witnesses against the Halls, Sol, John and Hunt, brothers, for their part in the big battle between officers and the moonshiners on one side in which officers Ramey and Stone were killed and Deputy U. S. Marshal J. Mart Potter mortally wounded. The battle occurred in June 1913 at Blue Notch Gap of Cumberland Mountains east of here on the Virginia border line.

At an early hour Sunday morning an L. & N. freight train ran over and killed Grant Cornett, aged 22, son of Anne Cornett, well known citizen of Blackey in this county, his head being decapitated.

The remains of Cornett were picked up about daylight. The supposition is that he had gone to sleep on the track. About a year ago his brother met a similar fate near the same spot. The affair is deeply deplored. This is an example of where strong drink brings ruin, soon or late, upon its victim.

It is expected that Judge John F. Butler, who has been ill in his home will come over and begin anew the wheels of justice in Letcher county after an illness of a week or more.

Judge Butler promises, with the help of the attorneys of the Whitesburg bar, to greatly relieve the congested docket during the next three weeks of court proceedings and that Judge Butler will go into the violations with herculean strength.

N. M. Webb, postmaster for Whitesburg, has assumed complete control of the Mountain Eagle here, he having purchased the interest of J. P. Haney, who is planning to move to West Liberty his former home. Mr. Webb offers a number of notable improvements within the next few weeks. Pending the arrival of a printer Mr. Webb is doing general office work, typesetting, etc.

It was reported here a few days ago that several cases of small pox had developed on the Cumberland Mountain side, near the Letcher-Harlan border on Cumberland river, and that every precaution is being taken to prevent any spread of the disease.

All train service over the Louisville & Nashville was demoralized when two wrecks occurred early Sunday morning, one at Uz and one at Blackey, in which a number of cars were demolished. All train service was much delayed. Transfer of mail, express, and passenger service was necessary. The L. & N. has been hard hit of late owing to the several wrecks.

TO HAVE LIFE OVER WOULD  
LIVE IN KENTUCKY AGAIN.

"If I had my life to live over I would be a Kentuckian again," said Col. George W. Bain, of Lexington, in a

lecture at Macauley's Theater yesterday afternoon. It was one of a series of lectures under auspices of the Y. M. C. A., and was largely attended.

"Some men who are old say they would not go through life again if they could," he continued, "but I would like to do better. I was born in Lexington. My mother was born in Lexington. My grandmother was born in Lexington. My great-grandmother sleeps in Lexington in the yard of the church where I worship when I am at home on Sundays. If I had my life to go over I would be brought up again in the country and play on the same blue-grass, swing on the same old trees and listen to the music of the same song-birds. I would be brought up in the same old State, have the same old Yankee schoolmaster and marry the same girl if she was willing again."

Col. Bain referred to numerous changes in the world since he has been in it, such as automobiles, cirships, telephones, telegraphs and varied machinery, saying he was living in the best age in history. There would be notable changes in the future, he said, but some things will not change.

"The young lady of 2016 may go in her airship to Canada one day and take her dinner by means of capsules, and then go to New Orleans the next day and see an exposition," he said, "but if she stops off at Lexington on the way down she will see a horse sale going on. Neither airships nor automobiles will ever supplant Kentucky horses."

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WEST VIRGINIA  
ITEMS OF NEWS.

## Fight Typhoid Germs.

Charleston, W. Va., Jan. 31.—Co-operating with the local health department the State health authorities have asked that a mass meeting be called in St. Albans tomorrow night at which experts on sanitation will tell the citizens how to combat typhoid of which there is an epidemic in that town.

## Mrs. Crockett Dies at Roanoke.

Former Representative Landon H. Lawson received a wire to the effect that his aunt, Mrs. Sallie Crockett, had passed away at Dr. George Lawson's Hospital in Roanoke, Va. Mrs. Crockett was a wealthy and prominent resident of Williamson, W. Va. The remains were brought to Williamson, where the funeral occurred.

Mrs. Crockett was a sister of the late Montcalm Lawson, prominent Pike county. She leaves a number of children, all of whom are prominent.

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